

## Culture Minister Announces New Program

*The Hon. Caroline Di Cocco, Minister of Culture, announced today at Harris Institute that Ontario's Ministry of Culture has approved the college's application to create a new training program for professionals in the rapidly changing music and media industries.*

Harris Institute, in partnership with Amperea Software, PodChannels and LiveWire Remote Recorders will deliver advanced training online, as a new knowledge portal, and on weekends at its Toronto campus. Music and media Industry Trade Associations will be invited to partner in the program by marketing scholarships to their members.

"We are encouraged that the Ministry of Culture is supporting our Professional Development Program (PDP)," says the colleges president, John Harris. "The award from the Entertainment and

Harris Institute was selected by Mix Magazine in the US as one of its "Finest Media Arts Institutions"; has completed six annual "peace and reconciliation" programs for young adults from conflicted areas in the North and South of Ireland; partnered with the Moscow International Film School and British Columbia's Gulf Islands Film and Television School (GIFTS) in a program for students from Siberia and the Salmon Arm Reserve; introduced a Certified Digidesign Pro Tools Program with Nashville's Pro Media Training Centre, and is currently expanding an unprecedented partnership with



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the University of Paisley in Glasgow, Scotland. Harris graduates and its sixty-one member faculty are in leading positions throughout the music, film, television and digital media industries.



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Creative Cluster Partnerships Fund will enable us to deliver comprehensive content online and on weekends to professionals experiencing the challenging transformation of the music and media industries."



John Harris welcomes attendees at the ministers new conference.